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REMARKS

Claims 1-25 were pending in this application. In the office action, claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,945,944 (Krasner) (office action, ¶ 2). Claims 2, 18, and 22 have been cancelled and new claims 26 and 27 are presented. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Rejection under § 102

Paraphrased, independent method claim 1 requires the following steps:

- 1) receiving, at the mobile unit,
 - a) timing information maintained by the base station; and
 - b) signal data containing accurate timing information from a source other than a base station;
- 3) deriving accurate timing information from the signal data received at the mobile unit; and
- 4) creating an association comprising the accurate timing information and the timing information received from the base station.

Paraphrased, independent apparatus claim 17 requires the following elements:

a mobile unit comprising ... a) means for receiving timing information maintained by the base station; and ... b) means for receiving signal data from a source other than a base station, the signal data comprising accurate timing information;
 a processing device comprising means for deriving accurate timing information from the signal data received at the mobile unit; and
 a central network authority, comprising ... means for receiving and means for creating an association between the accurate timing information and the timing information received from the base station.

Independent claim 25 recites limitations similar to those of claim 1.

Krasner does not disclose, teach, or suggest receiving the base station timing information and the accurate timing information (e.g., GPS signal data) at the mobile unit, associating the two parameters, and then using that information to update base station timing.

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For at least this reason, the independent claims and the claims dependent thereon are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Krasner.

Conclusion

The applicant believes that he has responded to all of the issues raised in the office action and submits that all of the pending claims are allowable. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the examiner pass the application to allowance. The examiner is invited to call Joel Miller, Esq., Reg. No. 29,955 (973-736-8306) or the undersigned if there are any questions concerning the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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